

FACT SHEET



Sheller-Globe Corporation Disposal Site Keokuk, Iowa

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INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) intends to remove the Sheller-Globe Corporation Disposal Superfund site from the National Priorities List. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) concurs with this action. EPA is asking the public for comments on the deletion.

BACKGROUND

The 6.6-acre Sheller-Globe Corporation Disposal site is located approximately 4 miles north of Keokuk, Iowa.

From 1948 until 1972, waste materials (including solvents and paint sludges) from the former Sheller-Globe plant in Keokuk were disposed of at the site. These materials, along with other nonhazardous wastes brought to the site, were periodically burned and the ash spread over the hillsides. Disposal at the site was stopped in 1972 and the area was covered with soil. A private home was constructed within the boundaries of the primary disposal area and used as a residence until 1991.

The site was added to the EPA's National Priorities List in 1990. The National Priorities List identifies sites that need further evaluation to determine the type of response that may be required to protect human health and the environment.

In October 1990, EPA and Sheller-Globe entered into an agreement that required Sheller-Globe to determine the nature and extent of contamination at the site, determine the risk that the site posed to human health and the environment, and evaluate alternatives to address the contamination. EPA determined no response action was necessary for surface water, sediment, and ground water at the

Public Comment Period

EPA is requesting comments from the public on the site deletion. Comments will be taken through August 24, 2001.

Please send your comments to:

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If no adverse comments are received on this notice of intent to delete the site from the National Priorities List, the deletion will be effective on September 24, 2001.

site. However, these investigations found that actions were necessary to protect human health and the environment from elevated levels of metals found in soil at the site.

The following actions have been taken at the Sheller-Globe Corporation Disposal site to address the contamination:

- The house and shed have been demolished and disposed of on-site.
- The exposed ash and demolition debris have been covered with a soil and vegetative cover.
- Land use restrictions have been placed on the property. The restrictions prevent the property from being used for residences and prohibit any disturbance of the surface or subsurface soil.
- The site will continue to be included on Iowa's Registry of Confirmed Hazardous Waste or Hazardous Substance Disposal Sites. Written approval from IDNR is required prior to substantially changing the way the site is used or before selling, conveying, or transferring title of the property.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE FUTURE?

Routine field inspections by United Technologies Automotive Systems, Inc. (formerly Sheller-Globe Corporation) are scheduled through 2004. The purpose of the inspections is to assure the integrity of the soil and vegetative covers. The need to continue the inspection/maintenance program will be reassessed following the 2004 inspection. In addition, since waste has been left in place at this site, EPA will conduct periodic reviews (at least once every five years) to ensure that the cleanup actions taken at the site continue to be protective of human health and the environment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information repositories containing documents about the site have been established at the following locations and are available for public review:

Keokuk Public Library
201 N. 5th Street
Keokuk, Iowa

EPA Region 7
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact:

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